

The Rush County Council met in regular session on Wednesday, April 10, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. with Gerald Mohr, Chairman, Warren Norris, Charles Smith, Janet Kile, Marvin Hedrick, Kevin Spilman, Jerry Kent, Mary Ann Beard, Auditor and Leigh Morning, County Attorney in attendance.

Chairman, Gerald Mohr called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the March 13, 2013 were presented. Charles Smith made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Warren Norris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS FUND

Judge Brian Hill requested an additional appropriation for a budget for the Community Corrections grant for the balance of the grant cycle through June 2013. The total amount is \$61,659.00. The Judge is also working on the bi-annual grant application for 2013-2014 in the amount of \$150,000.00. Ashley Stevens was hired as the Community Corrections Director. Marvin Hedrick moved to approve the appropriation. Charles Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried with Jerry Kent voting "no".

Transfer of Funds

Sheriff Jeff Sherwood presented a transfer of funds request to move \$10,000 from the Jail Hospital Fund to the Jail Medical Fund. Jerry Kent moved to approve with Kevin Spilman seconding the motion. Motion carried. The Sheriff submitted the jail report with a total of 43 prisoners of which only one is sentenced. Sherwood also reported that there was an uprising in the cell block this week and the prisoners are on lockdown. The sheriff recommended the purchase of taser guns for the jailers in the amount of \$3,000 from the firearms account. It was also reported that the magnetic locks on the office side of the jail are malfunctioning. The estimated cost of repair is \$6,000-\$10,000. Attorney Leigh Morning verified that Cum Cap funds could be used to purchase a sheriff's car, therefore Jerry Kent made the motion to allow the purchase from Cum Cap Misc Equipment for \$10,000, \$5,000 from the Jail budget, and the remainder from Commissary funds. Marvin Hedrick seconded the motion. All approved.

FINANCIALS

Auditor Beard reported that as tax collections are in full swing, the need to request an advance draw on the county's property taxes is required to meet expenses. Beard warned spending unappropriated funds and the continuation of falling revenues deplete our cash balance. Auditor Beard reported that the EMA performance grant for salaries which was to be paid at 50% of the director's salary came in at \$3,802.98. Commissioner Bruce Levi spoke that the Health Insurance Review showed some sound numbers but that many of the county's fixed cost are running above budgeted figures.

SOLID WASTE

Carole Yeend the Solid Waste director shared the information on the Arbor Day Celebration. It will be held on Saturday, April 27th at Riverside Park Amphitheater in conjunction with the Mayor's 5K Run/Walk for Autism. Soil & Water will supply the trees.

Council Notes

- Wind Farm negotiating cost and benefits before any contracts will be signed. Tax abatements will be a part of the equation.
- FEMA Grant award for 2013 is at 50%
- Gerald Mohr spoke with the Mayor on several topics including: ambulance, LOIT, Ivy Tech, Joint 911, and RMH
- Jerry Kent requested the presence of Brad Smith Administrator of RMH at the next meeting with the 2012 expenditures for the ambulance service.

Motion to recess to the Abatement Seminar was initiated by Jerry Kent. Charles Smith seconded the motion, motion carried.

/s/ Gerald Mohr
Gerald Mohr, Chairman

/s/ Warren Norris
Warren Norris

/s/ Charles Smith
Charles Smith

/s/ Janet Kile
Janet Kile

/s/ Marvin Hedrick
Marvin Hedrick

/s/ Kevin Spilman
Kevin Spilman

/s/ Jerry Kent
Jerry Kent

ATTEST:

/s/ Mary Ann Beard
Mary Ann Beard, Auditor